

# FIVE GOOD MEN BE CHOSEN TO-DAY

Richmond Democrats to  
Select Candidates.

BIG VOTE EXPECTED.

Great Interest Felt and Voters Will  
Turn Out Largely.

THE RESULT IN GREAT DOUBT.

Impossible for Best Politicians to Foretell  
Who Will Win—The Working Men to  
Take Part in the Primary—Polls  
Open from 6 A. M. to 8  
P. M.—Final Rally  
Last Night.

The Democrats of Richmond will nominate their five candidates for the Constitutional Convention in to-day's primary.

The canvass, which has been a warm and interesting one, closed last night with a grand rally in Marshall Ward; now for the voting.

The polls will open at 6 A. M. and close at 8 P. M. The primary is a legalized one, and only the official ballots, received at the hands of the judges of election, can be voted. No ticket obtained outside of the precinct will be accepted. Just five men are to be voted for. To leave either more or less than five names on the ticket will invalidate it and cause it to be thrown out.

There are fifteen candidates in the race, and their names will appear on the official ballot in this order:

SOL, L. BLOOMBERG,  
A. S. BUFORD,  
GEORGE L. CHRISTIAN,  
JOHN A. CURTIS,  
JAMES W. GORDON,  
A. S. LANIER,  
CHARLES V. MEREDITH,  
HILL MONTAGUE,  
J. S. MOORE,  
VIRGINUS NEWTON,  
S. S. P. PATTESON,  
JOHN GARLAND POLLARD,  
WILLIAM L. ROYALL,  
R. CARTER SCOTT,  
GEORGE D. WISE.

The canvass, while a most pleasant one, has been one of great activity, and many of the aspirants have put up game fights. It has been chiefly remarkable in that it has been conducted under an agreement between the candidates not to spend any money to influence votes.

# GREAT RALLY ON CHURCH HILL

A Dozen Good Speeches Mark the Closing of the Canvass.

The speaking part of the canvass closed with a big rally under the auspices of the Marshall Ward Democratic Club, at the corner of Church and Main streets, last night. Just an even dozen of the candidates spoke. They were all liberally applauded by their hearers. The speeches were limited to eight minutes, and lots were cast for the order in which the candidates appeared.

President E. C. Hicks occupied the chair and Major A. S. Lanier was the first speaker. He spoke of the great importance of the work of the convention, and said he would wish no higher honor than to be sent as a member of that body. He reiterated his well known views on the questions at issue, and it was his desire to go to the convention to represent the whole people to the best of his ability, and that he was not the representative of any class or clique. He thought the paramount issue was getting the negro out of politics, and he pledged himself to do all in his power to carry out that proposition.

MR. MEREDITH CHEERED.

John Charles V. Meredith received a flattering ovation when he came forward. He thought that should not be any heated contest among the candidates for the convention, and for that reason he had not previously appeared before the clubs. He said he stood by every word contained in the "Joint Letter" of the candidates for the Labor Council. He wanted the vote of no man who would exact a pledge of him to vote this or that way on one proposition or another. He believed in dealing fairly with his people, and he conceived it to be the best for all that the hands of the delegates should not be tied so as to hamper them in the discharge of their duties. He was the friend of the liberty bill, but he knew it was not best for the measure to undertake to pass it by the convention. He, therefore, opposed the attempt.

Mr. Royall followed Mr. Meredith in a most vigorous address. He demanded that all the negroes be disfranchised, but opposed any white man's vote being taken from him. He wanted liberal education for white people and as little as possible for the negroes. Convict labor should not be brought into competition with free labor, and the speaker wanted to uproot the present part doctrine of the new Constitution. He charged that the Virginia Senate was controlled by corporate influence.

Mr. Montague made an eloquent plea for votes. He thought he was a fit man for the work of the convention, and pleaded a faithful performance of duty if elected. He would stand squarely on the Norfolk platform so far as that dealt with the work of the convention if he should be elected. He would vote to place the principles of a just and equitable

# AGUINALDO CAPTURED AND SAFELY LANDED AT MANILA.



GENERAL FUNSTON.

## General Funston's Expedition Proved Completely Successful and the Wily Filipino is Now a Captive.

MANILA, March 27.—General Frederick Funston's daring project for the capture of Aguinaldo in his hiding place in the province of Isabella, Island of Luzon, has proved completely successful.

Aguinaldo was captured there March 23. The United States gunboat Vicksburg, commander E. B. Barry, with General Funston and Aguinaldo on board, arrived here this morning.



AGUINALDO.

able liability bill in the new organic law and then to submit the instrument to the people for ratification or rejection. He wanted the present homestead laws preserved in the new Constitution.

CAPTAIN WISE STIRS 'EM UP.

There was a great shout of applause when Captain Wise was introduced, and he was vigorous in his remarks. He said Mr. Royall had stamped all the life out of the negro, and he need not discuss the suffrage question. He thought one of the key notes of the contest was the reduction of governmental expenses. He had answered the questions asked by the Trades Council frankly and honestly, and was prepared to stand by his answer. He said if his life among the people of Richmond had not proven his friendship for them, he would have been heart of a canvas would mean nothing.

Mr. Scott spoke next. He had long had an ambition to sit in a Constitutional Convention, and if the people thought him a proper man he desired their votes. He did not think the candidates ought to be tied down with pledges. However, he stood on the platform of the Norfolk convention regarding the suffrage question, and would oppose the disfranchisement of a single white man in Virginia. He would vote to have the instrument submitted to the people.

Mr. Pollard got a rousing reception. He having been seated in the shadow of the building in which he spoke. He said some of his older competitors had to die under the new Constitution, while he had to live under it. He, therefore, would be legislating for himself if he went to the convention. Growing serious, Mr. Pollard dealt with some of the issues up, and stated his well known views upon them. He hoped his old friends would remember him to-day at the polls.

Captain Curtis needed no introduction. He was at home, and he said the other fight for the best interests of all the people if sent to the convention. He was a sailor and from Tidewater, Virginia, and was the only candidate who could steer the old ship of State safely into harbor, and also encounter head winds in the convention.

Mr. Moore pleaded the "Church Hill" act. He was born near the place where Patrick Henry spoke. He expected to die there. Mr. Moore said he had been successful in his own business, and he believed he could properly look after that of the people of Richmond in the convention. He briefly sketched his plan.

# NO SUCCESSOR TO MR. ST. JOHN

President Williams Says Selection  
Has Not Been Made—Stock  
Still Goes Up.

Seaboard Air Line made a point's advance yesterday, the common selling at 55 1-4; the preferred at 55 3-8.

The rumor was afloat that the increased earnings of the road were not alone responsible for the advance of the stock, but that it was probably known to a select few that a man of national reputation as a manager of paying railroad property had been chosen to succeed Mr. St. John as general manager of the Seaboard.

"Nobody has been selected to succeed Mr. St. John," said the reporter yesterday. "Nobody has been agreed upon. A dozen names have been under consideration. I do not know who will be chosen; nobody knows."

Regarding the remarkable rise in Seaboard securities, Mr. Williams said: "I think the increase in earnings of the road is responsible for that."

A gentleman of this city who spent an hour in the Seaboard general offices at Portsmouth Tuesday remarked yesterday that it was the busiest place he had ever seen, owing to the recent increase in the road's business.

The name of the new general manager of the Seaboard will probably be announced in a few days. Speculation as to the name of the man to be selected is without profit.

"It would be worth a fortune to a man to be able to foresee what will be done to Virginia-Carolina Chemical when it is offered on the New York Exchange for the first time to-morrow," said a well known member of the company yesterday. "I think it will not be very greatly hampered, but, of course, nobody can tell. A great portion of the stock is owned in Richmond; I do not think the New York Bears can hurt it very greatly."

The transactions in Chemical yesterday were very heavy. The sales reported were 622 preferred at as high as 52 1-2; 1,770 common at 51 1-4. It was quoted at 70 at the closing.

All railroad stocks were steady yesterday. Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac 7 per cent. guaranteed was quoted at 30 1/2 at the close, with 310 asked.

# STATE POLITICS AT HEADQUARTERS

A Dozen of the Best Known State  
Politicians Here.

FLYING VISIT OF BILLY JONES.

First District Congressman Here for Several  
Hours Yesterday—His Visit Caused  
a Flutter—Predictions and  
Claims of Various  
Workers in the  
State.

The politician has not in months found more to interest him in the lobby at Murphy's than there was last night. It was well filled and half of those standing about conversing, and "declaring themselves," were figures familiar in the official and political life of Virginia.

Senator Martin, the Napoleon of Virginia politics, as somebody called him the other day, circulated among the assembled politicians for an hour or more, cheery and good-natured, as usual.

Lieutenant Governor Echols, quiet and dignified, but ever courteous; Congressman Swanson, nervous, energetic; Senator John L. Jeffries, of Culpeper, who thinks he is the next Attorney-General; State Treasurer Harman, and Second Auditor Dew, reminds that there will be an election of their successors by the next General Assembly; Sam M. Donald, of Staunton, door-keeper of the State Senate, who will also have to be re-elected next year; Mr. S. M. Newhouse, member of the House from Culpeper, who thinks he can defeat Mr. George M. H. H. when the latter comes up for re-election to the office of superintendent of the penitentiary next winter; Adjutant-General Nalle, Hon. George V. Hunley, member of the House from Mathews, and a number of others familiar in city and state politics. It was a pleasant company, and it was not until late in the evening that the lobby was cleared of its guests.

It was regretted that Congressman William A. Jones, who was here several hours yesterday, was not in the lobby last night. He always adds spice to political talk. But he was in a great hurry and left early last night. The visit of Mr. Jones, though so quiet, created quite a flutter among politicians. It was evident that the backers of Mr. Montague were "talking counsel together."

# ARE CONFIDENT OF ACQUITTAL

North Carolina Senate Will To-Day  
Vote on Impeachment of Judges  
Furches and Douglas.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

RALEIGH, N. C., March 27.—Interest in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Furches and Associate Justice Douglas is growing. Lobbies and galleries of the Senate Chamber are constantly packed, and prominent citizens are here from all parts of the State to witness the closing scenes of the great trial.

Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, who closes for the prosecution, spoke two hours this afternoon, and will conclude to-morrow. The Senate will proceed immediately to a roll-call ballot on the question of impeachment.

Opponents of impeachment, other than counsel for the defense, have not been at all confident of the acquittal of the judges until to-day, but great confidence is manifested to-night and many who favor impeachment are ready to concede that the Senate will vote to acquit.

It is claimed by some conservative men that there will be not less than twenty-four votes for acquittal. Sixteen were predicted by Watson.

Hon. C. B. Watson's speech, advocating impeachment, is a strong effort and is being listened to with close attention.

# GREAT BRITAIN ENTERS PROTEST

England, Japan and United States  
Are Aligned.

MAY ADDRESS RUSSIA DIRECTLY.

Our Government Said to Be Considering the  
Advisability of This Step—No Definite  
News Received Either by the State Department or Any of Foreign Embassies as to Convention  
Being Signed or Not.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The British Government has protested against China's making a convention with any Power touching territory or financial features until the present troubles in that country are concluded. The fact of the British protest was made known here for the first time to-day by a dispatch from one of the foreign offices of Europe. It states that the protest was made through Sir Ernest Satow, the British Minister at Peking.

It does not state when the representations were made, but from the fact that the dispatch was received in Washington to-day it is taken that the protest had been made within the last day or two.

DIRECTED AGAINST RUSSIA.

Although the Russian agreement is not specially referred to, it is said to be clear that the British action is directed against the Russian agreement. The language appears to be similar to that used by Secretary Hay in the American protest. The effect of the British action is to place the United States, Japan and Great Britain in formal opposition to the signing of a convention with any Power pending the settlement of the Chinese troubles.

The concurrence of the protests probably explains why the Manchurian agreement has not been signed. There was no definite information received here to-day, at the State Department, or at any of the foreign embassies, as to whether the agreement had been signed or rejected.

CREATED A STIR.

There was something of a stir in diplomatic quarters over the report coming from official sources that the United States was considering the advisability of addressing Russia directly on the subject of the Manchurian agreement. The Russian agreement has been addressed to China. Copies were furnished the Russian authorities, though the protest in form has been to China and not to Russia. Several of the foreign representatives advised their Governments that this step was contemplated by the United States, but there is no official information available as to how far the consideration of the move has proceeded.

# NOT YET SIGNED.

Chinese Said to Have Declined to Accept Russian Agreement.

(By Associated Press.)

PEKING, March 27.—The Chinese had not signed the Manchurian agreement last night, when the time expired.

LONDON, March 27.—The officials of the Japanese Embassy confirm the report that an Imperial decree has been issued by the court at Peking, through Li Kun Yi, the Viceroy of Nankin, ordering that the Manchurian Convention should not be signed March 26th, the date fixed by Russia.

An intimation of this decree has been telegraphed to the various governments concerned.

Will be Signed Shortly.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, March 27.—The correspondent of the Associated Press is informed on competent authority that the Russo-Chinese agreement will probably be signed shortly. However, the negotiations continue, and the result is not yet certain. While it is possible the details will be slightly modified, the arrangements will be substantially as demanded.

The draft of the agreement now being discussed does not mention and does not affect Mongolia or Turkistan.

# TO REGULATE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Bill Introduced in Prussian Diet at Suggestion  
of the Emperor.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, March 27.—A bill has been introduced in the Prussian Diet, presumably at the suggestion of Emperor William, directed against the misuse of alcohol. It forbids the sale of alcoholic preparations

# FLOODS IN NEW YORK.

Widespread Inundations Cause Great Loss of  
Property.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, March 27.—From many parts of the State came news to-day and to-night of damage by flood. The waters of rivers and the smaller tributary streams are reported as overflowing their banks, causing widespread inundations, which threaten to destroy much property if not being about loss of life before they begin to subside.

The washing out of a culvert near Norwich, which was a Delaware and Lackawanna train. In the accident three people were slightly hurt.

# KITCHENER REPORTS.

Boers Were Routed and Pursued Till Horse-  
flesh Gave Out.

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, March 27.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener to the War Office, dated Pretoria, March 27th, says:

"Our casualties in General Bullington's action were two killed and seven wounded. The Boers left 22 dead and 30 wounded. As their pursuit was rapid, many more Boer casualties are likely."

"The Boers were routed and the enemy's retirement became a rout. The pursuit was continued until the horses were exhausted."

# WILL TAKE OVER MASONIC TEMPLE

The Grand Lodge Votes to Assume  
the \$75,000 Indebtedness.

Furniture Purchased.

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, A. F. & A. M., decided, after lengthy debate last night, to take over the Masonic Temple from the Temple Association by assuming the debt of \$75,000 hanging over the building and owing to the Fire Association of Philadelphia. The Grand Lodge also purchased the furniture in the Temple for the sum of \$7,500.

The Grand Lodge is given ten years in which to pay the debt on the temple. There is also interest on the debt, past due amounting to \$8,000, the payment of which is assumed by the Grand Lodge.

The session lasted from 6 o'clock in the evening until midnight. Of the 200 lodges of the State, 199 were represented. Grand Master H. O. Kerns, of Halifax county, presided.

Soon after the meeting was opened the report of the special committee appointed at the annual session of the Grand Lodge last December to report a method whereby the Temple might be saved from sale for debt, was presented by Judge R. T. W. Duke, Jr., of Charlottesville. It was finally adopted, as above stated, but there was a long and earnest debate, and at one time it looked as though the report might be turned down and the temple sold. Finally the report was adopted, but the hands of the clock were pointing to midnight when the vote was taken. It is understood that the report was adopted by a good majority.

The body was notified of an offer from Miller & Rhoads to rent the store-room on the street floor from the first of May to first of September at a monthly rental of \$200. Another offer offered \$2,000 yearly rental. It is not thought likely that the latter offer will be accepted. The matter will be decided by the grand officers.

# SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS

Local.

—Primary to-day for nomination of five men for the convention.

—Many of the State leaders in the lobby at Murphy's last night took steps to provide for debt on Masonic Temple.

—Committee charged with penitentiary investigation here to-day.

—Congressman Swanson to speak in Manchester to-night.

—A Church Hill man missing since Monday.

—Negro dies in Louisa at age of 105 years.

State.

—Joseph DeWar, prominent farmer of Frederick county, bitten five times by a mad dog.

—Councilman Mountcastle and Policeman Ohara came to blows in Newport News.

—Water turned into the new \$1,000,000 dry-dock at Newport News.

—Northampton farmer beaten and robbed in Norfolk.

—Mr. Morgan left Danville to avoid vaccination.

—Mr. Sanders takes the stand in trial of breach-of-promiss suit against himself.

—Supervisors of Isle of Wight make appropriation to pay for analysis of Mrs. Matthews' stomach.

—Ex-Governor Cameron a candidate for convention from Petersburg.

—State Senator Lyle, of Roanoke, has announced himself a candidate for convention.

General.

—Aguinaldo captured and brought to Manila by General Funston.

—Industrial Commission's report finds income tax to be most equitable.

—Mr. Morgan declined to meet labor leaders, but he thinks there will be no strike in anthracite coal fields.

—Great crowds ready to witness scenes of trial of North Carolina judges. Senate will vote to-day.

Foreign.

—China said to have refused to sign Manchurian convention.

—Great Britain's Foreign Office entered a protest against China's signing any agreement affecting territorial or financial features.

—Thousands dying of the plague in India.

# WATER RUN INTO NEW DRY DOCK

Largest in the Country  
Nearly Completed.

BLOWS EXCHANGED.

Councilman and Policeman in Personal Encounter.

TOOK PULVERIZED GLASS.

Imprisoned Artilleryman Attempted Suicide,  
and Effort May Prove Successful—Water  
Turned on New System in the Town  
of Smithfield—Petition Being  
Circulated for the Pardon  
of John Mitchell.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 27.—A personal encounter to-day between Councilman Mountcastle and Policeman Ohara caused a good deal of excitement.

The Councilman was arrested last night for disorderly conduct, and Ohara made a remark which offended him. To-day, after his case was disposed of in the police court, he started after the officer. They were separated before much damage was done.

NBW DRY DOCK.

Water was turned into the new \$1,000,000 dry dock at the Ship Yard for the first time for the purpose of making tests. It was decided to run water into the mammoth basin on the high tide, and since 1 o'clock it has been filling slowly. If a sufficient depth is obtained on this tide, the large gate for the dock will be floated down to the entrance and there placed in position. The gate has been at the inner end of the basin for several months, there receiving the finishing touches. The coffer dam has not been removed yet. If the tests are satisfactory, the coffer dam will be removed after the gate is in place, and then the dock will be ready for business.

This is the largest dry dock in this country, and one of the largest in the world. It is a trifle shorter, but wider, than the immense dock at Liverpool.

The next ship to go overboard at the Ship Yard will be either the Pacific mail steamer Siboga, sister ship of the Korea, which was launched last Saturday, or the New Morgan liner El Siglo, the second of the third quartette of 5,000 ton freighters for the Morgan Company.

The battleship Illinois will be given her official trial the following month. The date has not been selected.

# NEW WATER-WORKS.

The town of Smithfield, across James River in Isle of Wight county, is beginning to enjoy the advantages of an up-to-date place and before the close of this year she will boast of such improvements as water-works, sewerage, ice plant, and electric plant. The new water-works system has just been completed, and will be put in operation on Monday, the first of April.

The other improvements will follow during the year.

Daniel Huffer, the Fort Monroe artilleryman recently sentenced to one year's imprisonment for cruelly beating his child, tried to commit suicide in Hampton last night. He was taken to the hospital, where he was placed in a room. He was given a large glass bottle, and he was seen by others in the jail to break the glass and spent several hours in pulverizing it almost as fine as granulated sugar. He then called to Monroe Lewis, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Albert E. Britton, and informed him that he was going to eat the glass.

Lewis endeavored to dissuade Huffer, but before the colored man knew it Huffer swallowed the pulverized glass, about two tablespoonfuls in all. He then went to his cell and began writing a letter to his wife. The letter is not yet read, but the doctors expect the dose to prove fatal.

# PETITION FOR PARDON.

A petition is being circulated in Newport News with a view of securing a pardon for John Mitchell, the Greek sailor, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in the United States Court of uttering a forged postal money order and was sent to the Federal penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., for two years. The paper will be ready to be presented to President McKinley within the next sixty days.